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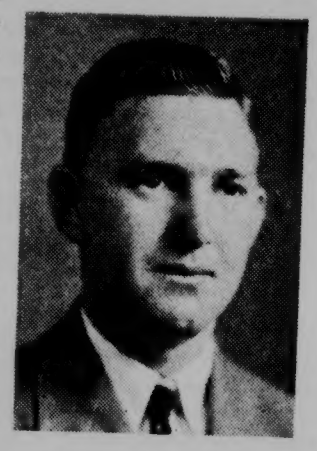
MISSIONARY FAREWELL SADDENED BY DEATH

Saddened by the untimely death of his father but exhibiting true missionary spirit, Elder Herbert J. Marsh of Elmhurst refused to be deterred from answering the call to serve his Church in the Texas mission. A farewell testimonial was held in his honor at the Elmhurst chapel on June 20th, just ten days after his father's passing.



Herbert J. Marsh

Elder Marsh had the satisfaction of having recently baptized his now deceased father, who was a native of England and who had served that country during the previous war as chief technical officer of the R. A. F. He came to the United States in 1920 and at the time of his death was superintendent of technical instruction at the Boeing School of Aeronautics in Oakland. Besides his son, Herbert, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Catherine Marsh, and by another son, Howard. Funeral services were held at the Cooper mortuary, June 14th.

STAKE MOTHER'S' AND DAUGHTERS' DAY

The annual Stake Mothers' and Daughters' Day program was held in the Oakland ward amusement hall Tuesday evening, June 24th. The affair was under the direction of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association. Assisting Mrs. Marie Lindsay, Stake Superintendent of Y. L. M. I. A., on the general committee were Dorothy Kilner, Jane Lowry and Anna Patton. In charge of refreshments were Dorothy Parry and Joyce Hilton, president and president-elect of the Gleaner Girls.

The theme of the party was the contrast between Mother's Day of youth and Daughter's Day. The thought was cleverly introduced in a community sing under the direction of Helen Hinckley Jones with Mrs. Mathiesen at the piano. Inspirational talks were given by Mrs. Ruth Hilton, Mrs. Wanda Harmon and Miss Maurine Christensen. Music was furnished by Lucille Southgate and Lenore Mayhew and a dance number by Joan Nelson.

Carrying out the theme of the party Mrs. Booth sang two songs that were popular in mother's day and Miss Nethercott responded with a group of songs popular today. A group of dancers in costume presented two dances that mother used to dance and then Miss Brown and her partner demonstrated the Rhumba and the La Conga. As soon as the demonstration was concluded the girls and some of the mothers went into a practice session.

A special guest of the evening was Mrs. Melzior, who, although not a member of the Church, made one of the first donations toward the building of the Oakland Chapel. There were also present eight women who had with them both their mothers and their daughters.

Delightful refreshments were served to about two hundred and fifty mothers and daughters.

THE MISSIONARY

(EDITOR'S NOTE—*The following article is a condensation of a talk delivered by Elder J. Edward Johnson at the farewell testimonial tendered to Elder Phyl Hilton of Dimond ward on May 9th. The talk so ably presented the Mormon conception of missionary work that Elder Johnson was requested to write it down so it might reach a larger audience.*)

People may say, what does a youngster not yet of age, or who has barely reached his majority, know about religion? What does he know about the merits of the claims presented by the various churches of the world? What does he know about the gospel? The answer to these questions and a hundred more of a similar nature that might be asked is that he does not know a great deal about them, particularly as he is first leaving on his mission. But he can find out. Joseph Smith was only fourteen when his inquiring mind led him to take the steps whereby he became informed. He got his clue from the sacred writings on how to proceed. If the missionary is faithful and diligent while on his mission he will know something about all these things, even though he may not know everything, upon his return. He will know enough so that he may safely accord his own life with the things he will have learned for himself.

What the missionary himself knows as he is leaving for his mission is not controlling. This is not saying what he knows or does not know has no importance, for it does. What is controlling as he is leaving for his mission, however, is his attitude. Is he willing to give two or three years of his life as freely as if it were a withered leaf and he owned a boundless forest? Is he willing to assume that while there is much he may not know about the gospel his parents know enough about it so that he can safely trust in their judgment, at least to start with? Is he willing to believe that his Church would not be a party to sending him on an errand that would not have a great deal of justification? Is he willing to submit himself for a season to a position as near that which the Savior of mankind assumed while he was on earth as it is humanly possible for a person to assume? Is he willing to say, "not my will be done but Thine" for a time, and be the servant of all?

If this is his attitude and it is found he is a clean, sweet, intelligent, respectful, well-bred, earnest, honest, diligent lad—or lass—has anyone any doubt that he or she is eminently fit to act as a messenger for an agency as responsible as the Church in carrying to the world a message which the Church deems it wise to have conveyed to the world by means of a living, personal representative?

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RICHMOND COUPLE MARRY IN TEMPLE

On June 30th Miss LaVon Aikens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Aikens of Richmond, was united in marriage to Joseph Garth Fairbanks, formerly of Idaho, now of Richmond. Mr. Fairbanks was recently released from a mission to the northwestern states. Following the ceremony there will be a reception at the home of the groom's parents in Salt Lake City. After a short honeymoon the couple will make their home in Richmond where the groom is employed by the Standard Oil Company.

PIONEER DAY IS COMING

Fitting observance of the entry of the Pioneers into Salt Lake Valley will take place in Oakland Stake this year. Both children and adults will join in commemorating the great event.

Since July 24th falls on a Thursday, the celebration and exercises have been moved forward to Saturday afternoon, July 19th, and to Sunday evening, July 20th.

The Sunday evening program will take place in the various ward sacrament meetings. Special programs honoring the Pioneers are in course of preparation. Assisting in these programs will be the usual Stake speakers assigned to wards the third Sunday of each month.

Saturday's festivities are under the direction of Stake and ward mutuals. Indian Camp in Tilden Park, Berkeley, has been reserved for the occasion. Directions are to drive to the end of Spruce Street, then follow the signs. Program of children's sports begins at 3 P. M. There will be games, prizes, sports, a program and community singing around a huge bonfire in the evening; free ice cream for the children. Bring your picnic lunch. Soft drinks are available at the park.

M. I. A. officers in each ward will serve as a transportation committee to care for those who do not have their own transportation.

JUNE CONFERENCE INSPIRES

Headed by Marie T. Lindsay, president of the Y. W. M. I. A. and Dorothy Stone, president of the Primary, large delegations of workers from Oakland Stake and wards took the annual trip to Salt Lake City for the annual M. I. A.-Primary convention-conference. Mutual workers have reported an especially thrilling and memorable time. The 1941-42 theme "I, the Lord am bound, when ye do what I say, but if ye do not what I say, ye have no promise." Doc. & Cov. Sec. 82, verse 10, speaks for itself. The theme play is called "Defense." A one-act drama, written by Joseph J. Cannon, and outlined to be presented in every ward in the Church, for a very early-in-the-year Assembly Program. It brings out the fact that young men in the Service can be assisted greatly by friends and folks at home.

The cultural arts were brought out the first day, ending with that most wonderful display of dance art, The festival at Saltair Beach. The floor was a mass of dancers, in most colorful, beautiful attire. Grace and charm marked every rhythmic movement. It was a rare treat.

Saturday, from early morning on departments met in various places, and one wished heartily he could be in three or four places at once, so very much worth while information was being given.

The program for Saturday night in the Tabernacle was under the direction of M Men and Gleaner Committees, and had been in the process of making for many months. It was in three parts. Part I, "Old Pioneers on the Trail," a drama from the life of President Grant's father. Part II, "Modern Pioneers on the Radio," noted people of radio, the screen, athletics, the professions, and industries give statements and encouragement on the 'Clean Life" with reference to non-use of liquor and tobacco. A huge map of the United States hung before the audience, and as people were contacted, a neon light flashed from Salt Lake City to their location, until the map was spread with neon light roads. This

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The wise and kind Heavenly Father has willed that this earth shall be made a fit abode for his righteous children and one of the necessary steps to that end is the decree that the "wicked shall slay the wicked." He has said that every item of the prophecies shall be fulfilled until the consummation decreed shall be brought about and he has made "a full end of all nations." When this work is finally accomplished only that which is of God shall remain.

It may be said finally that in the absence of direct revelation on the subject no man is able to answer with finality the question raised. Let us have faith that there shall ultimately come an end of war and strife. May the promised reign of righteousness be hastened!

May we each through individual righteousness and worthy service help to speed the day and be able to "stand when he appeareth."

Faithfully, your brethren,
EUGENE HILTON
W. GLENN HARMON
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS

ACHIEVEMENT

The Messenger congratulates Mrs. Elaine Evans, sculptress, of Berkeley, who has just completed a bronze bust of George Washington which was presented to the Cypress High School of Salt Lake City by the graduating class at impressive services. The bust is of exceptional merit. It will take its place in a niche prepared at the school beside one of Abraham Lincoln which was done by another sculptor some time ago. Mrs. Evans recently exhibited some of her work at an art show in Salt Lake City where it met with much favorable comment.

GLEANERS ELECT OFFICERS

Stake Gleaner officers for the ensuing season are Joyce V. Hilton, president; Norma Lowry, vice-president; Yvonne Dean, secretary; Maurine Christianson, publicity, and Vlarance Jackson, historian. Retiring officers are Dorothy Perry, Lucille Crandall, Elaine Planner and Joy Rogers Nichols.

OBITUARIES

George D. Bennett

George D. Bennett, secretary of the Oakland Stake High Priests Quorum, died at his home on Manila Avenue May 29th, 1941. Elder Bennett had been prominent in Church and business activities in the bay area for several years. Prior to his retirement two years ago he had been district representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. His wife, Mrs. Eva B. Bennett, died a little more than a year ago. Mr. Bennett is survived by two sons, George S. Bennett and Frederick D. Bennett, and two daughters, Mrs. Harvey A. Kirk of Sonoma and Mrs. K. L. Hickman of Fresno. Four grandchildren also survive. Funeral services and interment took place at Kaysville, Utah, family home of the Bennetts.

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Edla L. Johnson

Mrs. Edla L. Johnson, mother of J. Edward Johnson of the Berkeley ward, died at her home in Merced on June 8th. Mrs. Johnson was 75 years old at the time of her death. Funeral services and interment were at Benjamin, Utah, the old family home. Mr. Johnson and his sister, Elsie who is also well known to Berkeley people, were present at the services.

James W. Huish

Mr. James W. Huish, father of F. E. Huish of the Berkeley ward Sunday School superintendency, and grandfather of Bob, Marion, Caroline and Tommy Johnson, also of the Berkeley ward, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lorin Jones at Albuquerque, New Mexico, the middle of June. Mr. Huish was 81 years old and had enjoyed good health almost to the last. He was buried in Provo, Utah.

James Acomb

Mr. James Acomb, husband of Clara Acomb, passed away suddenly at his home in Berkeley on Tuesday morning, June 10th. Funeral services were held at the Berg mortuary on University Avenue. Mrs. Acomb has been active in Berkeley ward affairs and is past president of the Berkeley Camp, Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

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managed right, might well have about half of his time for leisure, making sufficient money in half of his time to provide the economic needs of his family. If a man is well trained in some useful calling he stands a better chance to do this, and if he is well educated, he knows better how to use to the best advantage this leisure time. It is what we do in leisure time that we will be remembered for longest and most gratefully. A man's mission for his state, nation, profession or family, should be a piece of work that will be in the nature of a permanent, enriching of these different departments.

My family does not include me and my wife and children only. It includes all my ancestors and descendants, and my collateral kin. I now have little or no communication with my ancestors. If I perform properly a mission to my family there will be no reason why any descendant of mine may not hold converse with me across the years, centuries and ages even. I have big ideas about this missionary concept. They border on to such grandeur that if I were older, they might be used as evidence of a slipping in mental powers. I don't know but what the greatest hell most of us will experience in the hereafter will be when we contemplate what we might have done while here on earth, and how comparatively little we actually did accomplish. To others a contemplation of the same will be a source of constant satisfaction and make heaven heaven indeed. That I think is the case with Jesus, Paul, Joseph Smith and Norman B. Phillips.

Some of us might feel a little envious of Phyl at this time, but we need not be. We all have our several important missions to perform as important as this mission that Phyl is now leaving on. It is for us to hurry home as we leave this meeting and see to it that the jobs we have at this moment are being well taken care of. To do any job, we must first organize ourselves well within. One of the reasons the missionaries that go out into the world do not seem to make more headway than they seem to is because we of the Church at home are not causing to come to pass what would come to pass if we were really Latter-day Saints and doing fully what we could about vindicating the ideals and principles of the Church. Of course, we are doing the best we can, but what we are doing is not good enough. When that takes place there will be no rich and no poor; no boy or girl that may not go on a mission for economic reasons, that may not have an education, that may not get married in the season thereof because of economic considerations, that cannot have a family and feel reasonably secure about the future.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

Bishop and Wanda Chase just presented a junior bishop to the members of Claremont ward. He was born June 25th and is the fourth child. The others being three girls.

With many thanks from the members of the Mutual, Ardell Kay and Harold Butcher retired as superintendents of the Mutual. Jane Lowry and Stanley Carr are the officers for next year.

Gunner and Gail Larson are spending their vacations on the Russian River.

Marie Burdett Compton and Bud Compton, formerly of Claremont, are moving from Glendale, California, to Ogden, Utah. Bud is to be an Instructor of Aviation at Weber College. Marie is the daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth Burdett of this ward.

Roberta Millward has been in Grantsville over a month but will be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Palmer of Redding, California, are new members of Claremont ward.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carr left for the East to buy a new car and from there to Canada to bring Warren Carr home from his mission. They are going to the Palmyra celebration before coming home.

Carl Gailbreth is the new 2nd assistant to Carl Bromley in the Sunday School. Gunner Larson was released to fill another position.

Dorothy Perry has taken the Book of Mormon to teach again.

Mrs. William Carr and her two children have moved to Berkeley to join her husband who has been attending the University of California.

Clara Chase gave as an inspirational talk, "Come, Come, Ye Saints," to the Sunday School teachers during the prayer meeting.

Marco Christensen is here visiting her sister, Taye Christensen Bromley. Marco just graduated from the University of Utah and is here on a lengthy vacation.

Dave and Norma Bickmore have moved to Long Beach. Dave just finished at University of California where he majored in oil engineering.

June 27th Helen Burdett gave a shower for Lavon Deen at Helen's home. Lavon is to be married in July.

Cathleen Grant of Ogden is here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. Burdett.

Keith Gaisford is doing very nicely in the hospital after an operation.

Curtis Millward opened his own meat market at the corner of Russell and College.

Mrs. Reese Thompson and small daughter spent several weeks this summer in Utah and Idaho visiting relatives. An interesting part of her trip was a reunion of four generations of the family at which time a picture was taken. Mr. Thompson joined her for the last three weeks of the trip.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at Chapel end of Arch Street

On Thursday, May 29th, the Relief Society held its closing meeting of the year. An exhibit of the welfare work completed by the members was held, after which light refreshments were served. Anna Elssworth, Ruth Hilton, Ada Lindblad and Ruth Shurtleff of the Stake Board were present.

Two Book of Mormon classes have been organized in the Martinez ward, one for the younger group and one for the older members. These classes will meet at the homes of members after the Sunday evening meeting.

Among recent visitors to Utah are the Kenneth Skidmores, Audrey and Jerry Johnson, Lee Mitchell, the Ruel Wanlass family and Marie Grover and son, Grant.

The Stanley Dahlin family is vacationing in the mountains, the Lewis Storey family of Crockett has gone to Oregon and then on to Utah, the Werner Vom Dorps are in Los Angeles.

The Presidency of the Young Men's M. I. A. was reorganized recently. Glenn Robinson was released as President and Arland Skidmore is the new President with Stanley Dahlin and Lee Mitchell as assistants.

Jay Brown has been appointed chairman of the Aaronic Priesthood committee.

Four Johnson boys, all brothers of Alan Johnson, were visitors at Martinez June 8th. They gave a splendid musical program at Sacramento meeting. The boys are all stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo.

Several members of the Sunday School Stake Board were visitors at our Sunday School, June 15th.

Marie Barber reviewed the book, "One Who Was Valiant," at our conjoint meeting June 1st. Joan Barber gave a piano solo.

Recent visitors at the home of Maria Easton were her son, Alex and his wife and boy. They have come here from San Diego and are making their home in Alameda. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Painter and Judith Ann, from Red Lodge, Montana, were also visitors at the Easton home. Mrs. Painter is a daughter of Mrs. Easton.

Nathan G. Tolman of the High Council gave a very inspiring talk at Sacramento meeting June 15th. Two missionaries who are laboring in this district, Elders Prigmore and Tippets, were the speakers on June 22nd.

MISSIONARIES WRITE HOME

Several letters have been received in the past few weeks from missionaries of Oakland Stake who are laboring in various places in the United States and Canada. One of the girls from Claremont ward writes interestingly of her experience in doing missionary work among the Indians of Arizona.

Joe Roy Hilton writes his parents from Omaha, Nebraska, that the missionaries in that section are working hard and seeing splendid results from their labors. He speaks of organizing a Relief Society and tracting and visiting and holding cottage meetings.

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The wise and kind Heavenly Father has willed that this earth shall be made a fit abode for his righteous children and one of the necessary steps to that end is the decree that the "wicked shall slay the wicked." He has said that every item of the prophecies shall be fulfilled until the consummation decreed shall be brought about and he has made "a full end of all nations." When this work is finally accomplished only that which is of God shall remain.

It may be said finally that in the absence of direct revelation on the subject no man is able to answer with finality the question raised. Let us have faith that there shall ultimately come an end of war and strife. May the promised reign of righteousness be hastened!

May we each through individual righteousness and worthy service help to speed the day and be able to "stand when he appeareth."

Faithfully, your brethren,
EUGENE HILTON
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ACHIEVEMENT

The Messenger congratulates Mrs. Elaine Evans, sculptress, of Berkeley, who has just completed a bronze bust of George Washington which was presented to the Cypress High School of Salt Lake City by the graduating class at impressive services. The bust is of exceptional merit. It will take its place in a niche prepared at the school beside one of Abraham Lincoln which was done by another sculptor some time ago. Mrs. Evans recently exhibited some of her work at an art show in Salt Lake City where it met with much favorable comment.

GLEANERS ELECT OFFICERS

Stake Gleaner officers for the ensuing season are Joyce V. Hilton, president; Norma Lowry, vice-president; Yvonne Dean, secretary; Maurine Christianson, publicity, and Vlarance Jackson, historian. Retiring officers are Dorothy Perry, Lucille Crandall, Elaine Planner and Joy Rogers Nichols.

OBITUARIES

George D. Bennett

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George D. Bennett, secretary of the Oakland Stake High Priests Quorum, died at his home on Manila Avenue May 29th, 1941. Elder Bennett had been prominent in Church and business activities in the bay area for several years. Prior to his retirement two years ago he had been district representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. His wife, Mrs. Eva B. Bennett, died a little more than a year ago. Mr. Bennett is survived by two sons, George S. Bennett and Frederick D. Bennett, and two daughters, Mrs. Harvey A. Kirk of Sonoma and Mrs. K. L. Hickman of Fresno. Four grandchildren also survive. Funeral services and interment took place at Kaysville, Utah, family home of the Bennetts.

Edla L. Johnson

Mrs. Edla L. Johnson, mother of J. Edward Johnson of the Berkeley ward, died at her home in Merced on June 8th. Mrs. Johnson was 75 years old at the time of her death. Funeral services and interment were at Benjamin, Utah, the old family home. Mr. Johnson and his sister, Elsie who is also well known to Berkeley people, were present at the services.

James W. Huish

Mr. James W. Huish, father of F. E. Huish of the Berkeley ward Sunday School superintendency, and grandfather of Bob, Marion, Caroline and Tommy Johnson, also of the Berkeley ward, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lorin Jones at Albuquerque, New Mexico, the middle of June. Mr. Huish was 81 years old and had enjoyed good health almost to the last. He was buried in Provo, Utah.

James Acomb

Mr. James Acomb, husband of Clara Acomb, passed away suddenly at his home in Berkeley on Tuesday morning, June 10th. Funeral services were held at the Berg mortuary on University Avenue. Mrs. Acomb has been active in Berkeley ward affairs and is past president of the Berkeley Camp, Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

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As the missionary is leaving on his mission the question is more whose message is it he is asked to deliver, for all recognize that after all it is not his own, but that of the agency he represents, and this regardless of how greatly he himself may be impressed by the message. After all he is but an instrumentality of something else. Whom does he represent? The answer is that he represents the Church. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With our idea of the priesthood I believe this is a correct statement. It is the Church we look to for our directions. This is supplemented by inspiration direct to the missionary. It is the Church's message not the missionary's. The problem then becomes, what is the Church? What is it trying to do? What is it trying to tell the world?

The Church is nothing more nor less than an agency with perpetual existence which has assumed the responsibility of holding aloft conspicuously before all the world; every kindred, tongue and people, the rich and poor, the informed and the uninformed, the good and those not so good, the fortunate and unfortunate, the Jew and gentile, high and low, friend and enemy, German and Briton, the dwellers of the continents and the tiniest islands of the sea, the accessible and the unaccessible, man everywhere, regardless of race, color, status, or creed, and in whatever clime he may be found, a set of ideals and principles that have obtained in the world in some form or other through the ages since God established Father Adam and Mother Eve in the Garden of Eden, and best exemplified in the life and teachings of the prophets, ancient and modern, and in the teachings of the Savior and His followers. It is the position of the Church that it was established by divine will to do this very thing, all for mankind's greatest progress and happiness. It is through the missionary that the Church carries out a great part of this sacred responsibility.

And what are these principles which we call the gospel? They are the ideas discussed and illustrated in the sacred books, the Bible as far as it is translated correctly, the Book of Mormon, the Pearl of Great Price, the Doctrine and Covenants and the periodical pronouncements of the Church that are in harmony with the revelations and principles recorded in these sacred books. These principles throw light on where we came from, why we are here, where we go and what becomes of us after we leave this world. They bear witness that we are here for a very great purpose, that man is that he may have joy; that we are saved no faster than we gain knowledge; that the glory of God is intelligence; that as man is God once was and as God is man may become; that our bodies are the temples where our spirits dwell while we sojourn here on earth; that these temples are sacred and should not ba abused or impaired in their best efficiency by any harmful means; that we have a father and mother in heaven who care for us; that we are the sons and daughters of God; that we are brothers and sisters; that we are each other's keepers; that we will be gathered back into the presence of God when our work here on earth is completed; that eye hath not seen nor ear heard—nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which our Heavenly Father has in store for those who faithfully serve Him; that Jesus is the Christ; that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess; that there is one door only whereby we may enter into the Kingdom of God, and that by a compliance with immutable law, law that always was and always will be; law that was not made, not even by Diety Itself; that the priesthood is here on the earth now; that by means of it things can be done to hasten the reign of righteousness that could not be done without it; that it is our right and privilege to marry, set up homes where mother and father are honored and the children guided, helped and encouraged, so that these children may in due course also enjoy all the sweet and rich experiences which their parents and the good and the successful who have gone before them have enjoyed. These are only a tiny fragment of what the gospel relates to—this gospel which is so simple that the person of the most limited understanding can grasp it, and which at the same time is so all-embracing that it touches and throws light into every nook and cranny of life.

Of course, the missionary cannot present to the world the message of the Church to the best advantage unless he at least in a degree himself understands the message. He, therefore, proceeds to inform himself, not necessarily that he shall be influenced to believe or not believe, that takes care of itself, but so he may constitute a more or less proper representative of his Church, and so that he may the better present its message. But what always happens as the missionary does this? We now have the old story over again. He comes to see for himself what a reasonable, beautiful, beneficial thing it is. He likes it. He loves it. It rings true with every noble impulse within him. It sets him on fire. He is given a glimpse of heaven itself, not a far-distant heaven of dreams and hopes only, but a heaven here on earth, right now. Something happens to him, a very natural normal something, and he can never be exactly what he was again. Life becomes intensely motivated. It fills with purpose. Thereafter he is able to speak with assurance. He becomes more than a mere messenger. He becomes a living testimony. He knows the Church know what it is doing and that its mission in the world is divine. His conversion is complete in the degree that he understands the mission of the Church and lives its ideals and principles.

Nobody and nothing can hurt such a person. Trouble, sickness, death, being misunderstood, engenders no resentment, much less bitterness in his heart. And naturally as he comes to understand the message of the Church to the world, knowing what it has done and may do in his life, he wishes everybody else on earth to enjoy the benefits flowing from a knowledge thereof, the same as he. From this point on he is a missionary in the truest sense of the word. He has become possessed of qualities not unlike those possessed by the Apostle Paul, the greatest missionary that ever lived.

No person need ever make any apology for addressing himself intensely and seriously to an understanding of the gospel, be it for a brief season of two or three years while on a formal mission, or all one's life, as one can find time to do so after one's daily duties are discharged. It is not something that can be expected to have an appeal only to inferior intellects with no appeal to superior ones. Where may a greater intellect be pointed to in the world than the one Paul possessed? Turn to the fields of philosophy, science, art, literature, law, statesmanship, or any other field of human thought, and pick the shining lights in any of these fields, and tell me who was greater in intellectual powers than Paul. Was Socrates? Darwin? Michaelangelo? Shakespeare? John Marshall? Washington? Hamilton or Lincoln? I don't think so. And I don't believe anyone else will think so who will read such books as Farrar's or Connybear and Howison's Lives of Paul. Martin Luther is reported to have stated he regarded Paul's Epistle to the Romans the deepest thing in any language. Luther was a deep and careful scholar himself.

And who was Paul's hero? None other than the lowly Nazarene. He is also our hero. Him we worship. He is every true missionary's hero also. He it was that came that we might live the more abundantly. He it was that loosed the bands of death; who brought hope where before there was none; a dignity to the human soul not known before; He it is that taught there is nothing so priceless as the human soul; He it is who vouchsafed to the human family the greatest promises that have been placed before it; who brought gentleness and kindness into the world where before was hardness; who showed us how we can be great without office or property; and the power that may come from plain goodness and virtue.

Missionaries, like all other human beings who do anything sometimes make mistakes. There are a few mistakes the missionaries should doubly guard against. They should never ever offend anyone. They should never make an enemy, for every enemy they make, they make an enemy for the Church. They are out to make friends only. Now if that is not an assignment that would tax to the limit the best powers of the ablest, I would like to see one.

The missionary is pious without being sanctimonious; full of wit and good humor without being loud or boisterous; cheerful without being undignified; dignified without being cold and stiff; reserved without being distant; warm and friendly without being intrusive.

There are a few things I very much believe in. I believe in life insurance. I believe in missions. I believe life is only a mission, and that the mission Phyl is leaving on is only an important step in his life to enable him the better to discharge the greater mission of his having been placed here on earth. I don't believe anyone should be content to go on a mission for the Church only. I believe a man owes it to himself and society to serve a similar mission in the interest of his state and in the interest of his nation and in the interest of his city, profession and family. This accounts for my great belief in education. I feel a person, if his life is

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marked the beginning of the church-wide movement of M Men and Gleaners for the Clean Life. Part III, "New Pioneers on the March." Our Standard Bearer, Heber J. Grant, spoke from his home, and all pledged loyalty to, and cooperation with, him in the campaign for the non-use of liquor and tobacco. Medals made of Utah copper with an engraved likeness of President Grant were given to M Men and Gleaners.

Sunday was a spiritual treat with beautiful choir and chorus music, and inspirational talks.

Monday was a full day of activities most helpful in bringing to attention the wealth of material in the summer manual, "The Summer Way for M. I. A." The day ended with a well attended dinner in that most picturesque of dining halls, the Lion House.

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managed right, might well have about half of his time for leisure, making sufficient money in half of his time to provide the economic needs of his family. If a man is well trained in some useful calling he stands a better chance to do this, and if he is well educated, he knows better how to use to the best advantage this leisure time. It is what we do in leisure time that we will be remembered for longest and most gratefully. A man's mission for his state, nation, profession or family, should be a piece of work that will be in the nature of a permanent, enriching of these different departments.

My family does not include me and my wife and children only. It includes all my ancestors and descendants, and my collateral kin. I now have little or no communication with my ancestors. If I perform properly a mission to my family there will be no reason why any descendant of mine may not hold converse with me across the years, centuries and ages even. I have big ideas about this missionary concept. They border on to such grandeur that if I were older, they might be used as evidence of a slipping in mental powers. I don't know but what the greatest hell most of us will experience in the hereafter will be when we contemplate what we might have done while here on earth, and how comparatively little we actually did accomplish. To others a contemplation of the same will be a source of constant satisfaction and make heaven heaven indeed. That I think is the case with Jesus, Paul, Joseph Smith and Norman B. Phillips.

Some of us might feel a little envious of Phyl at this time, but we need not be. We all have our several important missions to perform as important as this mission that Phyl is now leaving on. It is for us to hurry home as we leave this meeting and see to it that the jobs we have at this moment are being well taken care of. To do any job, we must first organize ourselves well within. One of the reasons the missionaries that go out into the world do not seem to make more headway than they seem to is because we of the Church at home are not causing to come to pass what would come to pass if we were really Latter-day Saints and doing fully what we could about vindicating the ideals and principles of the Church. Of course, we are doing the best we can, but what we are doing is not good enough. When that takes place there will be no rich and no poor; no boy or girl that may not go on a mission for economic reasons, that may not have an education, that may not get married in the season thereof because of economic considerations, that cannot have a family and feel reasonably secure about the future.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

Bishop and Wanda Chase just presented a junior bishop to the members of Claremont ward. He was born June 25th and is the fourth child. The others being three girls.

With many thanks from the members of the Mutual, Ardell Kay and Harold Butcher retired as superintendents of the Mutual. Jane Lowry and Stanley Carr are the officers for next year.

Gunner and Gail Larson are spending their vacations on the Russian River.

Marie Burdett Compton and Bud Compton, formerly of Claremont, are moving from Glendale, California, to Ogden, Utah. Bud is to be an Instructor of Aviation at Weber College. Marie is the daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth Burdett of this ward.

Roberta Millward has been in Grantsville over a month but will be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Palmer of Redding, California, are new members of Claremont ward.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carr left for the East to buy a new car and from there to Canada to bring Warren Carr home from his mission. They are going to the Palmyra celebration before coming home.

Carl Gailbreth is the new 2nd assistant to Carl Bromley in the Sunday School. Gunner Larson was released to fill another position.

Dorothy Perry has taken the Book of Mormon to teach again.

Mrs. William Carr and her two children have moved to Berkeley to join her husband who has been attending the University of California.

Clara Chase gave as an inspirational talk, "Come, Come, Ye Saints," to the Sunday School teachers during the prayer meeting.

Marco Christensen is here visiting her sister, Taye Christensen Bromley. Marco just graduated from the University of Utah and is here on a lengthy vacation.

Dave and Norma Bickmore have moved to Long Beach. Dave just finished at University of California where he majored in oil engineering.

June 27th Helen Burdett gave a shower for Lavon Deen at Helen's home. Lavon is to be married in July.

Cathleen Grant of Ogden is here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. Burdett.

Keith Gaisford is doing very nicely in the hospital after an operation.

Curtis Millward opened his own meat market at the corner of Russell and College.

Mrs. Reese Thompson and small daughter spent several weeks this summer in Utah and Idaho visiting relatives. An interesting part of her trip was a reunion of four generations of the family at which time a picture was taken. Mr. Thompson joined her for the last three weeks of the trip.

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MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at Chapel end of Arch Street

On Thursday, May 29th, the Relief Society held its closing meeting of the year. An exhibit of the welfare work completed by the members was held, after which light refreshments were served. Anna Elsworth, Ruth Hilton, Ada Lindblad and Ruth Shurtleff of the Stake Board were present.

Two Book of Mormon classes have been organized in the Martinez ward, one for the younger group and one for the older members. These classes will meet at the homes of members after the Sunday evening meeting.

Among recent visitors to Utah are the Kenneth Skidmores, Audrey and Jerry Johnson, Lee Mitchell, the Ruel Wanlass family and Marie Grover and son, Grant.

The Stanley Dahlin family is vacationing in the mountains, the Lewis Storey family of Crockett has gone to Oregon and then on to Utah, the Werner Vom Dorps are in Los Angeles.

The Presidency of the Young Men's M. I. A. was reorganized recently. Glenn Robinson was released as President and Arland Skidmore is the new President with Stanley Dahlin and Lee Mitchell as assistants.

Jay Brown has been appointed chairman of the Aaronic Priesthood committee.

Four Johnson boys, all brothers of Alan Johnson, were visitors at Martinez June 8th. They gave a splendid musical program at Sacramento meeting. The boys are all stationed at Camp San Luis Obispo.

Several members of the Sunday School Stake Board were visitors at our Sunday School, June 15th.

Marie Barber reviewed the book, "One Who Was Valiant," at our conjoint meeting June 1st. Joan Barber gave a piano solo.

Recent visitors at the home of Maria Easton were her son, Alex and his wife and boy. They have come here from San Diego and are making their home in Alameda. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Painter and Judith Ann, from Red Lodge, Montana, were also visitors at the Easton home. Mrs. Painter is a daughter of Mrs. Easton.

Nathan G. Tolman of the High Council gave a very inspiring talk at Sacramento meeting June 15th. Two missionaries who are laboring in this district, Elders Prigmore and Tippets, were the speakers on June 22nd.

MISSIONARIES WRITE HOME

Several letters have been received in the past few weeks from missionaries of Oakland Stake who are laboring in various places in the United States and Canada. One of the girls from Claremont ward writes interestingly of her experience in doing missionary work among the Indians of Arizona.

Joe Roy Hilton writes his parents from Omaha, Nebraska, that the missionaries in that section are working hard and seeing splendid results from their labors. He speaks of organizing a Relief Society and tracting and visiting and holding cottage meetings.

All are alike in reporting that the busier they are the happier they are, and in expressing their joy in the work they are doing.

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DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

Mr. Charles Nichols, of the Sunday School Superintendency, and his wife, Joy, have recently returned from a two week vacation tour of the western states.

Irene Russell became the bride of Warren Berg at the Dimond ward chapel on Friday, June 13th. Many friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony, after which a lovely family reception was held at the bride's home. The couple spent their honeymoon in Washington and Utah, where they went through the Salt Lake Temple.

The Primary has recently effected a reorganization. Hazel Segerstedt, former president, has been released with a vote of thanks for her splendid efforts, and Hazel Allen has been newly appointed to fill the vacancy.

The M. I. A. is sponsoring a sport dance every other Tuesday during the summer months in the ward recreation hall. All young people of Mutual age are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould have returned from a vacation east, bringing a new car back with them.

Dr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Dorius and their two children are vacationing in the east where Dr. Dorius will attend a national medical convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Swanson enjoyed an extended vacation visiting relatives in Minnesota. Their trip also included a tour of Canada and the Western states, where they had the opportunity of attending several of the temples.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Riding were married last month in the Salt Lake Temple, and are now residing in East Oakland. Sister Riding is the former Evelyn Clawson, newly returned from a mission, and is now acting in the capacity of a Primary teacher.

We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lyon and family who have found it necessary to leave the ward because of working conditions. Mr. Lyon was a former Sunday School teacher.

We are also sorry that Noreen Morgan has found it necessary to move because of her work. Sister Morgan has been indispensible for years as Sunday School organist. We wish her much success and happiness in her new ward in San Francisco.

An inspirational farewell testimonial was held on Friday, June 6, honoring Elder Neil Christiensen, who departed to labor in the Argentine. The chapel was filled to capacity with those who came to wish him well. Bro. Christiensen is the seventh missionary that Dimond ward has out in the field at the present time.

Mrs.. Nellie Wattel has just returned from a month's vacation in Southern California, where she stayed with friends in Los Angeles.

Robert Kest and Ted Hilton will be with us for a few months before they again resume their studies at the Brigham Young University.

Mrs. Louis Boyle and her son, Louis, have recently returned from Utah and will make their residence in Oakland during the summer months.

Mr. Ruth Shurtleff has been released from her position as Relief Society President and deserves much praise for the outstanding work she has done in this capacity. Her councilors, Mrs Catherina Kest and Mrs. Blanche Jacobs are also to be commended. Mrs. Jacobs has been selected as the new president, choosing Mrs. Maude Rainey and Mrs. Rose Clarke as her councilors.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

For their closing meeting the Relief Society officers entertained the members with a delicious luncheon. During the afternoon a program was given and the visiting teachers presented a lovely corsage to each officer and teacher in appreciation of her services. President Maybelle Anderson showed moving pictures of their trips to Alaska and Cuba.

On Sunday, June 1st, the Primary held graduation exercises under the direction of Thelma Gardner and Mary Dunham for Guides Reed Gardner, Kay Noall and Kendall Peterson. The boys presented an interesting program and were advanced to the Deacon's Quorum, also accepted into Troop 8 of the Boy Scouts by Dr. Knight, assisted by Scouts Forrest Ream, David Cummings and Jim Watkinson.

The M. I. A. presented an interesting Conjoint program with two organ solos by Wm. Richards. Scripture Reading, Lucille Southgate; solo, Emmy Lou Cummings; The M. I. A. Theme, Richard Palmer, and the Speaker, Bishop Jensen of Alameda.

The Y. M. I. A. was recently reorganized, President Jos. Eyring, Jack Fife and Clark Stohl being released with thanks for faithful service. Installed as President for the coming year, Clark Stohl.

Evening services during June have been most interesting and well attended. Speakers included members from the Lamba Delta Club, Mr. McIntyre who is attending the University from Provo, C. W. Lindsay, former member of the Stake Presidency. A Summer Choir is performing under the direction of Wm. Richards.

Bishop Farr performed a marriage ceremony uniting Miss Norma Decker, daughter of the Kirk Deckers, to Edward Carlson.

Mrs. Maxine Thomas has gone to New York to be an attendant at the marriage of her sister Alyce, one of the famous King Sisters.

Visitors at our services have included Dr. Gene Dalton of New York, brother of Mrs. Geo. Russell; Mrs. Ernest Holmes, mother of the Ellis sisters; Lynn Knight, on vacation from school in Washington, D. C.; Lillie Owens, sister of Effie Dunham; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wilcox and daughter, former ward members from Los Angeles; the Vernon Jensens, from Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. L. P. Cardon, mother of Bartley, from Mexico; Mrs. Ann Christensen and sister, Mrs. Pendelton, from Nampa; the W. N. Moses from Beverly Hills.

Bishop and Mrs. Farr are visiting at Carlsbad, Calif. Mrs. Richard Owens and children in Logan, Utah; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McLaughlin also in Logan.

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VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

Under the direction of 1st assistant Elsie Taylor the Primary held their graduation exercises Sunday evening, May 25th.

Interesting talks were given by the four graduates, Eugene Taylor, Adolph Thon, Rowland Wicken and Milton East, also by their teacher, Clesta Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams have returned from a delightful trip to Tuscon, Arizona, where they visited Mrs. Williams' parents. They also went through the Mesa Temple while there.

Thora Burgess and her nephew, Don Algers, have gone to Manti for a visit with Miss Burgess' father.

On June 1st Mrs. Ruth Cheshire was released as Sunday School Secretary, a position which she has held in the Vallejo Sunday School for the past ten years.

Miss Bette Shurtleff, who has been assistant to Mrs. Cheshire for the past year, has been sustained as Secretary with Miss Lois Hill as her assistant.

Marjorie Lewis, assistant Superintendent of the Y. L. M. I. A., is visiting her mother in Ogden, Utah, having made the trip for the purpose of attending the Mutual Conference.

The officers and teachers of the Vallejo ward Sunday School gave a delightful surprise party on Mrs. Ruth Cheshire, June 6th, at her home on El Dorado Street and presented her with a beautiful lace table cover in appreciation for her services rendered the Sunday School during the past years.

The Relief Society members enjoyed a picnic at Blue Rock Springs June 17th. A delightful program was given under the direction of the entertainment committee, consisting of Pearl Fowles, Almeda Nielsen and Renee Whitmore, and everyone was well paid for having attended. There were 84 present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coleman have as their guests Mrs. Coleman's mother and sister from Ogden, Utah.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

Miss Mary Fishburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Fishburn, was united in marriage with Robert Bunch, at the Little Chapel of Flowers, on Sunday, June 22nd, at 5 P. M., with Bishop Milton P. Ream officiating. The ceremony took place on Mr. and Mrs. Fishburn's 37th anniversary. After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Bunch will make their home in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anders Anderson are vacationing in Utah. They plan to do some work in the Salt Lake Temple while they are there.

Mrs. Frances McConkie, and Mrs. May Green and her daughter, Mary, all of Salt Lake City, have recently been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wimmer. Wallace Wimmer, of Ventura, California. Mr. and Mrs. Wimmer's son has also been a recent guest here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Owens, accompanied by their daughter, Helen, are spending their vacation at Yosemite.

A special dance, dinner and carnival was held in the Elmhurst Chapel on Wednesday evening, July 2, under the direction of the Aaronic Priesthood, for the purpose of raising funds for the Chapel furnishings. A large crowd was in attendance and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Moody of New York City has been visiting with relatives in the Bay Region. They arrived in time to spend Father's Day with Mr. Moody's father, Mr. Wm. A. Moody.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lowry, Vallejo, a son.
Mr. and Mrs. John Zundel, Vallejo, a daughter.

BLESSINGS:
Ann Martin, daughter of Wendell and Barbara Martin, Maxwell Park.
Caroline La Von Eyring, daughter of Joseph and Lavon Eyring, Berkeley.
Virginia Young, daughter of D. J. Young, Berkeley.

BAPTISMS:
Robert Edward Burnham, Berkeley.
Janice
Edna June Hill, Vallejo.

ORDINATIONS:
James Patrick Mower, Teacher, Maxwell Park.
Forest Wicken, Deacon, Vallejo.
Rowland Wicken, Deacon, Vallejo.
Leroy Robert Sommers, Priest, Vallejo.
Ivan Gruvman, Priest, Vallejo.
Paul Solem, Priest, Vallejo.
Kendall B. Peterson, Deacon, Berkeley.
Meldon McIntosh, Teacher, Berkeley.
Ralph Ridge, Teacher, Martinez.

Mrs. Elsie Harris was hostess at a pre-nuptial shower given in honor of Mary Fishburn, on the evening of June 12th. The bride-to-be received many beautiful and useful presents.

Elmhurst is proud of the fact that it now has another missionary in the field. Herbert Marsh, who will labor in the Texas Mission, left with his mother, Mrs. Catherine Marsh, for Salt Lake City by airplane on Tuesday, June 24th. His missionary farewell was held Friday, June 20th, less than a week after the funeral of his father.

The new rugs have arrived for the Relief Society Room and the Ladies' Rest Room in the Chapel, and the others are expected soon.

Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Moody, of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Moody, of Delta, Utah, have been visiting with their brothers, Vaun and Manton, in Elmhurst.

Special honor was paid the fathers of the Ward on Father's Day by the Sunday School. Each one was presented with a boutonnaire, and special numbers on the program were dedicated to them.

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On May 27th the ward Relief Society held an exhibit of clothing and handwork made for the Security and also the bazaar which is to be held in the late fall.

The Sunday School was honored to have the entire Sunday School Stake Board as visitors on June 8th.

The M. I. A. of Maxwell Park ward are continuing their activities through the summer. On June 3rd a hay ride and weenie roast was held in Sequoia Park, sponsored by the M. I. A. officers.

On June 10th the Junior Girls sponsored a dance in the ward meeting house. And on June 17th the Special Interest group sponsored and furnished a bean feed in Leona Park.

Sacrament meeting on June 15th, Father's Day, was very interesting. De Los Rowe gave a short talk honoring all fathers after which W. Glenn Harmon, our guest speaker, gave an interesting and educational talk.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Farr wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty Farr, to Mr. Robert Dunn in Reno on May 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Allphin and family have gone on a vacation. They are to visit Utah, Idaho, Yellowstone Park and surrounding territory.

Bishop Paine and family have moved to a new home on 55th Avenue.

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